

THE OCALA BANNER.



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Hon. David Bennett Hill has been invited to Atlanta.

Verdi, the great Italian musical composer, is dead.

Baron William Rothschild, head of the great banking firm of that name, is dead.

Jacksonville has a citizen who has lived in three centuries. She is 106 years old.

How long will it be before the people of England will know enough to govern themselves?

Some democrats are even finding fault with Mr. Bryan for naming his paper The Commoner.

To Congressman Davis: Say, instead of a lighthouse, Ocala will be content with a public building.

Three of our great men have at least agreed upon the beauty of a name. There is a Ruth Cleveland, a Ruth Bryan and a Ruth Hanna.

The United States grand jury, recently in session here, signed a petition to congress praying for the erection of a public building in Ocala.

Ex-President Cleveland, Mr. Hill, Mr. Olney, et hoc genus omne, who, in the last campaign, struck the democratic party below the belt, are still anxious to reorganize it.

The Jacksonville Metropolis printed 2,913,715 newspapers during the year 1900. We hope that during the present year it will print more than double that number. We are proud of the Met.

The Rev. Psalm Jones is still shooting his mouth off at things democratic. If he had lived in the days of Moses he would have danced then as he does today at the shrine of the "Golden Calf."

Mr. Buford Leitner, of Spring Park, one of the most successful farmers and truckers of the county, stepped in Wednesday to say to us that he prophesied that the farmers and fruit growers of Florida would have seven years of freedom from frosts and in consequence seven years of plenty. His advice is to plant orange trees.

W. L. Yancy, Paducah, Ky., writes: "I had a severe case of kidney disease and three of the best physicians in southern Kentucky treated me without success. I was induced to try Foley's Kidney Cure. The first bottle gave immediate relief and three bottles cured me permanently. I gladly recommend this wonderful remedy. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store. m

A sad story is sent out from Watertown, near Lake City. An incendiary set fire to the home of Mr. Fleming, the agent of the S. A. L. Railway. When Mr. and Mrs. Fleming awoke the house was like a roaring furnace. Two of the children were caught in the blaze and burned into cinders. Mr. Fleming and his sister-in-law were also badly burned. It was an awful calamity.

Nothing seems to deter Mrs. Nation, the Kansas prohibition woman, in her single-handed crusade against the saloon. She makes her prayers practicable by backing them up with the hatchet and blows well directed. In perpetuating the memory of this weapon in American literature, Mrs. Nation will divide honors with the "Father of his Country." She, like the youthful George, "cannot tell a lie." She does it with her "little hatchet."

The United States is not a very old nation but it has lived long enough to teach the nations of the earth that lords and ladies, dukes and duchesses, earls and knights, counts and countesses, barons and baronesses, princes and princesses, kings and queens and emperors and empresses are superfluous appendages in government and should be discarded. Even though the world does so slowly it is better to accept these teachings slowly than not to do so at all. We are glad that the world moves.

Coming.

Harrison Bros. new and ancient South and big Minstrels, 70 people strong will exhibit here Monday, February 4, afternoon and night. One of the special features during the parade at noon is the cake walk given on the street in front of the Ocala House corner, where the men and women in costume participate in this novel entertainment. The Messrs. Harrison Bros. are Kentuckians, and have spared no expense to make this organization the greatest of its kind traveling.

WAS QUEEN VICTORIA A GOOD WOMAN?

The world is throwing its sweetest bouquets alongside the bier of England's dead queen.

Is she entitled to the praises she is so generously receiving?

The queen lived and died a very rich woman.

Christ, the great teacher, in whose footsteps the queen probably really thought herself to be an humble follower, said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The queen "received" but did she "give?"

Did she establish hospitals for the sick? Did she erect institutions for the care of the poor and the indigent? Did she found educational and eleemosynary institutions.

In a word, did the queen give to the poor? Not scantily and sparingly, but largely and generously.

Not only did Christ say: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," but he also said: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Did the queen hoard her wealth or did she follow in the footsteps of Christ when he said: "Feed my lambs."

Whatever distorted meanings Christ's favorite phrases may be twisted into it is clearly evident to the impartial student of the sacred volume that the whole trend of the Bible, and especially the New Testament, is utterly in opposition to the "possession of great riches."

"Sell all thou hast and give to the poor!"

Judged by these high standards, what say ye of the queen?

During her whole life she hoarded her wealth and arrayed herself in purple and fine linen, and at her death her last will and testament is kept a profound state secret!

If she had distributed her wealth to the poor. If she had founded hospitals for the care of the sick, endowed educational universities and eleemosynary institutions, would these extraordinary virtues be kept a profound state secret?

It may be possible, but not at all probable.

The fact that the queen has given the creditors of the Prince of Wales to understand that all the debts he contracted by virtue of his being heir-apparent to the throne, will be paid, is nothing extraordinary and is not such as to deserve very generous adulation.

The queen was a good mother.

Is that something extraordinary, or is it simply something extraordinary for a queen?

How many millions of American women are good mothers?

Are all these these fragrant flowers that are so tenderly placed on the queen's coffin done so because she was a good queen in the sense of not being a bad one, and because it is expected that queens are bad, or are expected to be bad, by precedent?

Are the virtues of Victoria simply virtues in contrast to the licentious pleasures and voluptuous dissipations of other queens of England, France and Russia?

State Board of Health.

Florida is particularly proud of her state board of health and has just cause to be. Since its establishment the state has been an almost an immune from epidemic diseases.

It is important that she maintain the high standard that she has achieved along these lines.

Dr. J. Y. Porter, who has been the efficient state health officer since the establishment of the board, is now a member-elect of the state legislature, and as it is impossible for him, under the constitution, to hold two offices at the same time, the office of state health officer will soon become vacant, and it is important that the state be hunting about for a worthy successor to Dr. Porter.

The Ocala Banner hears with pleasure that the name of Dr. Sheldon Stringer, of Brooksville, is being urged for this office, and it heartily second his nomination.

Dr. Stringer is an old practitioner, is thoroughly familiar with the diseases of Florida, and stands high in his profession. He has enjoyed the distinction of being president of the state board of physicians, and, besides being a skilled physician, possesses fine judgment and great talents, and is a scholarly and accomplished gentleman.

A State Fair.

We are sorry that our article written some weeks ago on the above subject was susceptible of the construction placed upon it by the Miami Metropolis.

Of course we did not mean that Florida ought to have a state fair simply because the editor of this paper had been appointed one of a committee to make a state fair possible.

"Florida ought now to have a state fair," was the peroration to the article to which the Miami Metropolis finds objection and grows just a little sarcastic at our expense.

The *now* referred to the fact that Florida is recovering from her accumulation of disasters and is in a position to have a state fair that would be entirely creditable to her, and not because the name of the editor of this paper had been kindly mentioned in connection with it.

The following article from the Tampa Herald gives expression somewhat to our ideas on the subject:

"The talk of a state fair is timely. Florida is beginning in earnest to diversify her industries and adopt some which have money in them. An annual agricultural fair gives everybody a chance to compare notes, to choose the best, to take notes of progress in methods and selection, to disseminate and receive information of value. Such a fair is indispensable to rapid and systematic progress along farming lines. The legislature should appropriate \$10,000—to be applied exclusively to premiums—for the encouragement of such an exhibition. In no way could public money be spent to better advantage."

"But we want to say now that if the railroads do not open their gizzards and give the fair a popular rate no amount of work and money will make it a success. Two things are essential to a successful fair—a good show and the people to see it. It depends upon the railroads whether the two can be secured."

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Rubber-tired vehicles are in evidence and servants in livery is expected to become a fad.

Happiness in the Ocala Banner Sanctum.

The responses to our "little pink reminders" continue to flow in. We cannot thank these friends too highly.

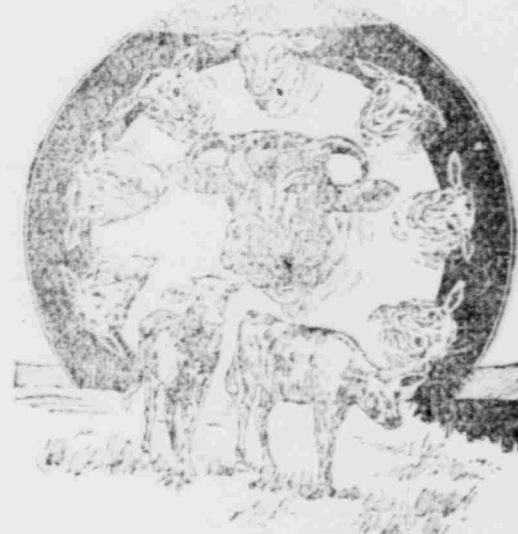
To those already mentioned we take pleasure in adding the following names, viz: J. L. Smith, O. L. Burdick, B. B. Thayer, C. C. Todd, J. R. C. Dunn, M. F. Berry, N. M. Allred, Geo. P. Bridges, J. L. Beck, J. D. Bassett, W. J. Chambers, C. W. White, Mrs. M. C. Hodge, G. R. Skinner, W. H. Harrison, T. J. Leitner, L. T. Norwood, V. P. Smith, Ocala Music Company, Frank F. Avery, W. J. Folks, J. D. Robertson, T. B. Snook, T. B. Bond, Col. T. P. Lloyd, Vernon Roberts, C. H. Cross, Benjamin S. Liddon, C. V. McCoy, Chas. T. Trees.

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